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Sir:

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.


In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, as an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b), or as a representation that no other possibly material information, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b), exists.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	1	5,309,243	05/03/94	Tsai	348	221	06/10/92
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	3	0 387 817 A2	09/19/90	EPO	H04N	5/238	Yes
	4	WO 00/78038	12/21/00	PCT	H04N	5/235	Yes

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